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DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION OF TOURISM IN STATES UTS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether funds are allocated by the Government to State Governments for development and promotion of Tourism;

(b) if so, the details of funds allocated during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) the names of the schemes being run by the State Governments with the Central assistance in this regard;

(d) the details of achievement in respect of these schemes so far;

(e) whether the State Governments have reported difficulties in the implementation of these schemes;and

(f) if so,the steps taken by the Union Government to resolve these problems?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE(SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (f): Development and promotion of tourism is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. Ministry of Tourism,however,provides financial assistance to States/Union Territories for tourism projects based on the complete proposals received from them subject to availability of funds and inter-se-priority.State-wise details of projects sanctioned during the last three years and the current financial year (up-to September,2008) are at Annexure-I and Annexure-II respectively.

Financial assistance is provided to States/Union Territories for the following schemes:

(i) Product/Infrastructure Development of Destinations and Circuits.

(ii) Promotion of Fairs, Festivals and Events.

(iii) Computerisation and Information Technology.

Tourism Infrastructure created with Central Financial Assistance has been helpful in promoting domestic and international tourism in the country.Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India increased from 2.73 million in 2003 to 5.08 million in 2007.Foreign Exchange Earnings (FEEs) from Tourism in India increased from US$ 4.46 billion in 2003 to US$ 10.73 billion in 2007.

Implementation of the projects is the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations.Ministry of Tourism,however,monitors the progress of implementation through site visits and review meetings.